



THE Caledonian Mercury,

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Monday August 19, 1723.

Edinburgh, August 19th, 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon.

The Mail which uses to come from London on Saturday's Night, is not yet arrived. We are told, the Reason of this is, That the two Mails from London and Edinburgh, happening to be both together at some Stage on the Road, the Post-boys misook the one Mail for the other, so that he who ought to have forwarded the Mail from Edinburgh to London, took back the Mail which had come from thence: And till it is overtaken and brought back, we cannot expect fresh News from London or Places abroad.

From the Flying Post, August 10.

THE write from Madrid, That the Assassins who murdered M Ham, Secretary of the States General, took the Opportunity of doing it, when he went one Evening into his Stable to see his Horses and Mules, and that then 3 of them threw a Sack over his Head to blind him, that he might not see the Fourth, who run him into the Breast with a Poynard, and gave him several Stabs in the right Side, so that tho he called for Help, it was too late; for when the Guards came, the Assassins were all escaped, except the Coach-man, who happened to be taken on the Spot.

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For the Benefit of the Public.

Edinburgh, August 14, 1723. To the end that no Person may, either thro' Ignorance of the Law or Inadvertency, omit Complying with, and consequently incur the Penalties inflicted by an Act pass'd last Session of Parliament, Entituled, *An Act to oblige all Persons, being Papists, in that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland; and all Persons in Great Britain, refusing or neglecting to take the Oaths appointed for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, by several Acts therein mentioned, to Register their Names and Real Estates*: These are to certify all Persons whatsoever, both Men and Women, in Scotland, England, Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, respectively, being of the Age of Eighteen Years or upwards, and not having taken the Oaths therein mentioned (and hereunto subjoin'd) before the First Day of the last Session of Parliament; That they are obliged to take the said Oaths, within the Time (viz. Those of that Part of Great Britain call'd England, &c. on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-three; and, those of that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-four) and in some of the Courts prescribed for that Purpose, at their Peril, without any Summons or Notice for their so doing; or, in Default thereof, to Register their Names and Real Estates as they, or any Person or Persons in Trust for them, shall be Seiz'd of, or otherwise interested in at the Time when they ought to have made such Register: Which Registration to be respectively made, by those of that Part of Great Britain call'd England, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-four; and by those of that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland, on or before the Twenty-fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-four.

I. A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King George. So help me GOD.

I. A. B. do from my Heart abhor, [detest, and abjure, as Impious and heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated, or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects; or any other Person whatsoever; and I do declare, that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Prebeminence, or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within this Realm. So help me God.

I. A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my Conscience before God and the World, that our Sovereign Lord K. George, is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries therunto belonging; and I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my Conscience, that the Person pretended to be Prince of Wales, during the Life of the late King James, and since his Decease, pretending to be, and taking upon himself The Style and Title of King of England, by the Name of James III. or of Scotland by the Name of James VIII. or the Style or Title of King of Great Britain, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever in the Crown of this Realm, or any the Dominions thereto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do Swear, that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty K. George, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power, against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity, and I will do my utmost Endeavours to discover and make known to his Majesty and his Successors, all Treasons and traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them. And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my Power, to maintain, support and defend the Succession of the Crown, against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession by an Act entituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects*, is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body being Protestant. And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, and Swear according to the express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense, and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, or mental Reservation whatsoever; and I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgement, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian.

So help me God. From

From the Flying Post, August 10.

London, August 10. 'Tis said, That the Lord Bolingbroke being indisposed, will set out next Week for Aix la Chapelle, and tarry there till the next Meeting of Parliament.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, August 12.

Brussels, August 19. The Subscription for Six Millions of Guilders, for establishing our East India Company, is already completed at Antwerp, and the Books shut.

Hague, August 16. They write from Hanover, that the Queen of Prussia set out from Herenhausen the 11 Instant for Berlin, after making several Presents of Money to the King's Musick, &c. 'Tis said his Majesty promised her Prussian Majesty to make the same Residence at Berlin, before his Return to England.

Lisbon, July 8. There has entered this Port between the 28th past and the 5th Instant, 7 French Ships, 17 English, and 3 Holland, laden with Corn and other Merchandise, sailed from hence at the same Time a British Man of War and 7 Merchant Ships of the same Nation from the Streights, remain at present in this River 10 French Ships, 63 English, 15 Dutch, 6 Spanish, 2 Hamburgers, and 1 Dane.

Genoa, July 24. Several Spanish Knights of Malta are arrived here, in order to embark for that Island, from whence we learn, that a Maltese Privatier has lately brought in thither another Barbary Corsair with 540 Men.

London, August 10. From the Theatre Royal, Drury-lane, we are informed, That on Monday next will be acted a new Comedy, called, *A Wife to be let*; written by Mrs. Elizabeth Haywood, Author of *Love in Excess*.

The Seamen taken on board the Ship Revolution at Genoa, in the Service of the Pretender by Commodore Scot, were this Week discharged from their Confinement by order of the Lords Justices.

Mr. Morgan Junior, whose Father is with the late Duke of Ormond in Spain, is continued in Custody of a Messenger.

They write from Bedford, That at the Assizes there, one Thomas Crockly, alias Crotklyn, and Jane his Wife, were indicted separately; the Man for marrying two Wives, and the Woman for marrying two Husbands: Of which they were both convicted, and were burnt in the Hand.

From the Flying Post,

Paris, August 14. When the Abbot Bancas waited on the King with the Letter from the Archbishop of Aix, declaring the Zeal and Earnestness with which the Clergy in Convocation agreed to give him the Eight Millions of Livres; The King returned the Archbishop the following Answer.

My Lord Archbishop of Aix.

I am perfectly satisfied in the Testimony which the Clergy of my Kingdom, assembled in Convocation, have now given me of their Zeal for my Service: I see by the Conduct of the Deputies, That all the Provinces are animated with the same Spirit, and equally concerned to relieve the Necessities of the State. Nothing was more proper to convince me how much I am concern'd to maintain the Authority of the Bishops, than the Character and Esteem which they have among my People: I know what your Example could have done with the Deputies upon this Occasion, if they had needed it: But without detracting from the Esteem and Confidence which I owe to your Wisdom so often experienced: You will be infinitely pleased when I tell you, that in the present unanimity, I could not perceive any Member that had a Thought he should be more taken Notice of than the rest, because all the Deputies distinguished themselves alike. Assure them how kindly I take it at their Hands, as well as from yours; and that I am heartily dispos'd to give them all the Marks of Protection which they can desire for the Advantage of the Churches of my Kingdom. Therefore I pray God to take you, My Lord Bishop of Aix, into his sacred Protection.

Dated at Meudon, June 10. 1723.

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From the Whitehall Evening Post.

Stockholm, July 18. All Things are preparing for Prince Maximilian's Return to Hesse Cassel; but 'tis certain his Majesty has laid aside his Intention of going with him to Germany, and has deferred that Journey to another Time.

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Hamburg, August 3. 'Tis said now, That the future good or bad Fortune of the Duke of Mecklemburg entirely depends upon his Complying, or not complying with the Imperial Decrees within the Space of two Months, that being the last Term allowed him: That in case he persists in his Disobedience, the States and all his Subjects shall be freed and discharged from their Allegiance; and that proper Dispositions shall be made for their taking the Oath of Fidelity to the Duke that will be appointed in his Room.

Copenhagen, August 7. Two other Fregats have been sent out, with Orders to sail even beyond Dantzick, to get certain Intelligence of the Motions of the Russian Fleet, of which divers Rumours are daily spread abroad. Mean-time all Hands are employed to complete the Fitting out of our Squadron of Men of War, in order to get it out to Sea at an Hour's Warning. Some more Troops are ordered hither, to hasten the new Fortifications of this Capital.

The Russian Fregate which came hither with the Czar's Resident, lies still in our Road, and 'tis presum'd, has particular Orders to observe the Motions of our Fleet.

Our two Fregats, sent to get Intelligence of the Czar's Fleet, are not yet returned.

Hague, August 7. 'Tis assured, that so high a Duty will be laid upon all Goods imported hither, being the Produce of the Austrian East India Company's Ships, as will make it altogether impossible to vend any of the said Commodities in this Country.

Haddington, August 16.

Best Wheat 07 l. 14 s. 2d. Ditto, 07 l. 6 s. 3d. Ditto, 07 l. 1 s.
Best Bear 07 l. 00 s. 2d. Ditto, 06 l. 18 s. 3d. Ditto, 06 l. 10 s.
Best Oats, 06 l. 10 s. 2d. Ditto, 06 l. 00 s. 3d. Ditto, 05 l. 18 s.
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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

*† That there is a General Meeting of the Creditors of the deceas't Mr. Andrew Ramsay of Abbotshall, appointed to be at Edinburgh, upon the Twenty-third Day of August Current, at Three a-clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner: When, 'tis expected the whole Creditors will be present, in regard there are Matters of great Importance to be taken into Consideration. And such of the Creditors as cannot be present themselves, are desir'd to Empower Trustees to be present, to act and do for them by any proper Writ under their Hand, that the Meeting may be full.

THERE is a Piece of Silver Plate, 25 Pound Sterling value, set out by several Noblemen and Gentlemen, to be Run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the first Wednesday of October next, being the 2d Day of that Month, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them to carry eight Scots Stone Trois Weight, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part of the Weight: The best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

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The Horses which are to run for this Plate being three at least, belonging to several Owners, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town-Clerk, fourty-eight Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be 6 Guineas amongst them, No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Judge appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing, a Pound for weight.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Guelding wins the first two Heats, and if they are challenged by any of the rest who exceed their Distance, they are obliged to run again; and if they save their own Distance they win the Race, if distanced they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Guelding runs on the wrong Side of any of the Posts, they are to run back the same Way and run right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

This Plate being lately advertised to be on the last Wednesday of August; and the Time being too short for Gentlemen and Horses to be ready against that Day it was thought proper to alter the Course to the first Wednesday of October next.

+ Whereas some Time ago it was Advertised, in the *Caledonian Mercury*, That a Plate of Twelve Pound Value, given by the Town of St. Andrew's, was to be Run for there, on the Twenty-ninth of this Month, by any Horse, Mare or Guelding, carrying Eight Stone-weight: These are therefore to give Notice, That the said Plate is to be Run for on that same Day, by any Horse, &c. except such Horse, &c. as shall belong to Mr. Lockheart of *Cornwath*.

The other Articles as in the first *Advertisement*.

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